implementation to address the food security concerns at the household and individual levels.

Sugar mills in Karnataka

1976. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sugar factories in Co-operative sector are not in a position to pay dues to the farmers;

(b) the steps, Government propose to take for the payment of arrears to the sugarcane growers;

(c) the steps taken by the Karnataka Government for the revival of, sick Co-operative sugar mills in the State; and

(d) the amount due to farmers from Co-operative sugar factories in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) and (b) The sugar factories have, in general, expressed difficulties in payment of cane price dues to the sugarcane farmers. In recent months, the Central Government initiated several steps to assist the sugar industry to clear cane price arrears including creation of buffer stock of the 20 lakh tonnes of sugar (in December 2000) for a period of one year, reimbursement of internal transport charges and neutralization of ocean freight disadvantage on exports of sugar.

(c) and (d) Government of Karnataka has reported that a Cabinet Sub-Committee under the Chairmanship of the Minister for Agriculture has been appointed to go into details about the reasons and possible revival in respect of sick sugar mills. The amount due to sugarcane farmers from Co-operative sugar factories in the State is Rs. 64.30 crores.

Diversion of sugar meant for export

1977. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in Maharashtra a number of sugar mills and exporters have directed sugar meant for export in the domestic market violating

Sugar (Control) Order, 1966 and Essential Commodities Act, 1955; and

(b) if so, the list of the defaulter sugar mills and exporters, the amount and quantity of sugar involved in the default and the actions taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) and (b) As per the Commissionerate of Central Excise and Customs, Pune, Aurangabad and Nagpur Zones, 14 exporters involving 21 sugar mills have diverted sugar meant for exports to the domestic market. A Statement containing the requisite information is enclosed (*See* below).

The names of the exporters/sugar mills have been forwarded to the Competent Authority for appropriate action for violation of Clause 9 of the Sugar (Control) Order, 1966 issued under Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Statement

Names of Sugar Mills/Exporters Relating to Diversion of Sugar Meant for Export to the Domestic Market/Proof of Export not Furnished

S. No.	Name of the Sugar Mill	Name of the Exporter	Quantity Diverted/ Proof of Export not Furnished (In MTs)
1	2	3	4
1.	M/s Dnayneshwar SSK Ltd. Bhende	(i) M/s Shivnathrai Harnarain (India) Ltd.	1900.0
		(ii) M/s Standard Investments	2496.0
		(iii) M/s C.M. Mehta and Co.	260.0
			Total 4656.0
2.	M/s Shree Shankar SSK Ltd. Sadashivnagar	M/s Shivnathrai Harnarain (India) Ltd.	6492.9
3.	Shri Shankar Maharshi Shankarrao Mohte Patil SSK Ltd., Akluj	M/s Shivnathrai Harnarain (India) Ltd.	26995.6
4.	M/s Gadhinglaj Taluka SSK Ltd., Gadhinglaj	M/s Shivnathrai Harnarain (India) Ltd.	15445.0
5.	M/s Krishna SSK Ltd., Karad	M/s Shivnathrai Harnarain (India) Ltd.	13772.3

1	2	3	4
6.	M/s Shri Kedareshwar SSK Ltd., Shevgaon	M/s Nielson Overseas Pvt. Ltd.	4750.0
7.	M/s Agasti SSK Ltd., Akole, Agasti Nagar	M/s Jay Jagdish Sugar	1845.0
8.	M/s Niphad SSK Ltd., Niphad	M/s Jay Jagdish Sugar	9216.7
9.	M/s Vasantrao Dada Patil SSK Ltd., Vithewadi	M/s Jay Jagdish Sugar	5420.5
10.	M/s Sant Eknath SSK Ltd., Paithan	M/s Yogi Exports	2500.00
11.	M/s Purna SSK Ltd., Basmathnagar	(i) M/s Yogi Exports (ii) M/s Ashok Exporter	5000.0 5000.0 **Total 10000.0**
12.	M/s Hutatma Jayawantrao Patil SSK Ltd., Suryanagar	M/s Ashok Exporter	2269.6
13.	M/s. Sahyadri SSK Ltd. Sahyadri	M/s Gold Mould and Jewellery (I) Pvt. Ltd.	160.0
14.	M/s Sant Damaji SSK Ltd., Mangalvedha	M/s Gold Mould and Jewellery (I) Pvt. Ltd.	Not available
15.	M/s Dongarai Sagareshwar SSK Ltd., Raigaon	M/s Shiva Marketing	1231.5
16.	M/s Shetkari SSK Ltd., Killari	M/s S.R. Marketing	776.0
17.	M/s Mula SSK Ltd., Sonai	M/s S.R. Marketing	500.00
18.	M/s Terna SSK Ltd., Ternanagar	M/s Regal Impex	2695.0
19.	M/s Daulat SSK Ltd., Halkarni	M/s Lewga International	80.0
20.	M/s Gangapur SSK Ltd., Raghunathnagar	M/s Laxmirath Sales Agency	3033.0
21.	M/s Bhogawati SSK Ltd., Irle, Vairag	M/s Sai Agro International	5000.0

Problems of Sugar Industries in Maharashtra

1978. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many sugar factories in the country, particularly, Maharashtra are facing problems and seeking Government's help;

(b) if so, whether Government have assured them in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken for the benefit of various sugar factories in the country?